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SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION: MOVE TO TEGEL

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1. FRG FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL ROCKE, IN BERLIN ON OTHER BUSINESS, TOLD MISSION HE INTENDS TO DISCUSS TEGEL MOVE WITH THREE CIVIL AIR ATTACHES IN BONN. ALTHOUGH NATURE AND AMOUNT OF SUBSIDY WAS MATTER FOR FRG DECISION, HE SAID, FRG NEVERTHELESS DESIRED JOINT SOLUTION TO PRESTIGE PROBLEM OF HOW TO UTILIZE \$400 MILLION AIRPORT. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT SUBSIDY NOW FOR PANAM AND BA MIGHT IN FUTURE BE CITED AS PRECEDENT BY OTHER AIRLINES DESIRING SIMILAR SUBSIDY. HE ALSO SUGGESTED FRG AND AIRLINES SPLIT ADDITIONAL COSTS.

2. IN MEETING WITH PANAM AND BA JUNE 10, AIRPORT COMPANY (BFG) ABANDONED ADAMANT OPPOSITION TO ACCOMMODATING BOTH AIRLINES AT TEGEL, CONCEDED TEGEL TERMINAL IS ADEQUATE FOR BOTH, AND SAID DM 3 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTING SIX ADDITIONAL PARKING PLACES NEEDED WAS AVAILABLE. BFG, SENAT, BA AND PANAM REPS WILL TALK IN NEXT FEW DAYS WITH TWA IN KANSAS CITY TO GET FIRST-HAND INFO ON KANSAS CITY AIRPORT, AFTER WHICH TEGEL IS MODELED. THIS IS LIKELY TO CONFIRM THAT TEGEL CAN ACCOMMODATE ALL
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3. SENAT OFFICIAL DIDERICH TOLD MISSION FRG SEEMED DETERMINED NOT TO INCREASE PER-PASSENGER SUBSIDY FOR IGS NOR TO PAY IN TOTAL TO PANAM AND BA MORE THAN DM 8 TO 9 MILLION PREVIOUSLY OFFERED TO PANAM. DIDERICH'S ASSISTANT, BENTZIEN, TALKS OF AIRLINES PAYING ABOUT HALF OF ADDITIONAL COSTS THROUGH ANOTHER FARE INCREASE. (THIS MAY BE MEANING OF ROCKET'S "SPLIT ADDITIONAL COSTS" REMARK.).

4. COMMENT: MISSION SEE LITTLE WHICH ALLIED GOVERNMENTS CAN USEFULLY DO AT THIS POINT. PARTIES MORE DIRECTLY CONCERNED NOW SEEM MOTIVATED TO FIND WAY TO FINANCE MOVE. INCREASE IN PER-PASSENGER IGS SUBSIDY MIGHT EVENTUALLY APPEAL TO FRG AS SUBSIDY FORM NOT CONSTITUTING PRECEDENT WHICH OTHER AIRLINES USING TEGEL FOR OTHER PURPOSES COULD CITE.KLEIN

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